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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL  
TOUR OF KAGOSHIMA

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN  
OTIS PIKE ON BEHALF OF A CONSTITUENT, ROBERT FEHRING,  
CONCERNING THE BONAFIDES OF AN INVITATION TO A HIGH  
SCHOOL MUSIC ENSEMBLE FOR A GOOD WILL TOUR OF JAPAN DURING  
SEPTEMBER.

2. THE TOUR IS BEING ORGANIZED BY ANTHONY GRISPINO, WHO  
IS THE UNCLE OF ONE OF THE STUDENTS AT BELLPORT SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL, BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK. HE WORKS FOR TOKUTO  
ENTERPRISES (2850-4, KAMIFUKUMOTO-CHO, KAGOSHIMA CITY 891-01)  
AND AT MINAMINIHON CULTURE CENTER (HEIWA FOREIGN STUDY  
ASSOCIATION, 5-4 CHUO-CHO, KAGOSHIMA CITY 890). MINAMINIHON  
SHIMBUN HAS AGREED TO SERVE AS SPONSOR, AND WILL SEND  
THE GROUP TO JAPAN BY CHARTERED PLANE. THE JAZZ AND ROCK  
ENSEMBLE IS TO PLAY AT HIGH SCHOOLS FOR GOOD WILL BUT  
ALSO, COMMERICAL CONCERTS SO THAT THE SPONSOR WILL BE

ABLE TO RECOVER EXPENSES.

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3. FEHRING, AS WELL AS THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS, ARE CONCERNED WITH THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND CONCERNED THAT RETURN TRANSPORTATION MAY FALL THROUGH IF THE COMMERCIAL CONCERTS DO NOT GENERATE ADEQUATE REVENUE. AT SAME TIME GROUP IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO MAKE THE TRIP AND LOOKING FORWARD GREATLY TO THE EXPERIENCE. THEY THEREFORE DO NOT WANT THEIR INQUIRIES TO OFFEND THE PROPOSED SPONSORS OR OTHERWISE ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR CHANCES OF GOING.

4. WOULD THE EMBASSY PLEASE MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH WHAT GUARANTEES THERE ARE FOR RETURN PASSAGE? KISSINGER

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